SCHOOL DISTRICT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

PROPOSED PROCESS – Below is an outline of a process for meeting our charge that has been suggested by Commission Member Sandra Dowling.

Fact Finding

- o Conduct a survey of all school districts throughout the State including private and charter schools.
- o Conduct an internet literature search regarding consolidation and unification both pro and con that is national in scope.
- Create an advisory committee related to interest groups including but not limited to Chambers of Commerce across the State, retirement communities and senior citizens, real estate developers, local realtors, political parties, churches and other religious organizations, educators, etc.
- o Develop mailing lists to notify communities of discussions and meetings, and to ask interested individuals for their opinions.
- o Develop a questionnaire to obtain community opinions.

• Proposal Development

- Conduct 2 rounds of public meetings where the first round would develop options and would feature expert witnesses and the second round would discuss a select number of options and begin developing consensus.
- Conduct a conference that assembles a broad range of experts, special interest partners and community and educational partners to produce a working document.
- Conduct additional public meetings and forums to discuss the working document developed in the conference.
- Ask every individual, partner or special interest group to endorse the proposal personally and publicly.